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In re Application of  
Christian Prehofer  
Application No. 09/744,829  
Filed: April 3, 2001  
Attorney Docket No. P00,2004

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) to revive the above-identified application, filed February 7, 2007.


The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to pay the issue fee on or before September 25, 2006. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on November 29, 2006. On October 13, 2006, a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was filed; however, the petition was dismissed in a decision mailed January 30, 2007. In response, on February 7, 2007 the present petition was filed.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of the requisite issue/publication fee; (2) the petition fee of \$1,500; and (3) an adequate statement of unintentional delay<sup>1</sup>.

The application is being referred to the Office of Publications to be processed into a patent.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204. Telephone inquiries related to processing at Publishing Division should be directed to (571) 272-4200.

  
Sherry D. Brinkley  
Petitions Examiner  
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<sup>1</sup> 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) requires a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. While it is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. See 37 CFR 10.18(b) and Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure; Final Rule Notice, 62 Fed. Reg. 53131, 53178 (October 10, 1997), 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 63, 103 (October 21, 1997). In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that it is not correct that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, petitioner must notify the Office.